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In re Application of:

Eberhard NIESCHLAG et al.

Serial No.: 09/764,149

Examiner: Rachel M. Bennett

Filed: January 19, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1615

Title: MALE CONTRACEPTIVE FORMULATION COMPRISING NORETHISTERONE

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 12, 2002, applicants are concurrently filing a Request for Continued Examination and this Reply. A Notice of Appeal was filed on February 12, 2003, and a two month extension of time is filed herewith. It is requested that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

Amendments and additions to the **Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.